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Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Appeals from the final decision dated February 12, 2004 of the Examiner, finally rejecting claims 11-19. An Amendment and Petition for Extension of Time are attached hereto.

The fee of \$330.00 for this Notice is also submitted.

To the extent necessary, applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (referencing attorney docket no. 500.38900X00).

Respectfully submitted,

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